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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003. As this paper is filed on January 16, 2004, the paper is timely filed.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-28 and 38-42, identified as belonging to an alleged Species I. However, in doing so, applicants have the following comments in regard to alleged Species I and alleged Species II.

In the December 16 Office Action, it is stated that Species I is "a single gaming device" and that Species II involves "gaming devices linked to another and interacting with each other." In fact, none of the claims identified as belonging to alleged Species I recite or are limited to "a single gaming device." Nor do the claims identified as belonging to alleged Species II require "gaming devices linked to another and interacting with each other"; at best, the claims associated with alleged Species II recite use of an input (indicia) received from another gaming device (see claim 29, lines 7-9 and claim 32, lines 9-11: "to receive at least

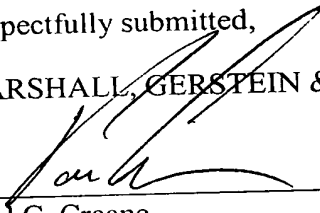
one indicia generated by another gaming device in communication with the [gaming machine/first gaming device] and to employ the at least one indicia therein"). Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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